SUBJECT No. 72.

Restoration of minor tanks.

Messrs. Annagiri Shama Rao, Kadur District Board; Chikramanna, Byregowda and Doddavembraliah, Kolar Taluk; and Srinivasa Rao, Chikmagalur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—Minor tanks in the malnad and in the whole State should be treated in the same way as major tanks in the matter of their restoration. The ryots are unable to do the earthwork themselves. They will be responsible for the maintenance of the tank whether major or minor after it is restored. It is a great hardship to the ryots to have to repair their tanks. The Government may undertake to do the necessary work to such tanks.

Mr. Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality.—In the malnad it is sometimes said that no irrigation works are necessary as there is a plentiful supply of rain. Experience shows that this is not true as many of the poorer ryots have been driven to the *makkigaddes*. Minor tanks which will help cultivation greatly are urgently in need of being restored on a large scale in the malnad.

Reply of Government.—Noted.

The rules already provide for the cost of the earthwork being remitted in cases where it is likely to operate as a serious burden and also for the grant of loans for the purpose. Both the malnad and maidan parts of the State are required to be treated alike in the matter of the restoration of minor tanks.

SUBJECT No. 73.

Re-classification of tanks under major and minor.

(*a*) Messrs. Suryanarayana Rao, Tumkur Taluk; and Seshadri Iyengar, Tumkur Municipality.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The hardships caused to the ryots in having to do the earthwork of all the minor tanks before their restoration by Government have often been brought to the notice of Government. The ryots are getting poorer and are unable to meet the cost of earthwork and the tanks get deteriorated. All the tanks paying a revenue of less than 300 rupees are treated as minor tanks. This classification must have been made some years ago and remains unaltered. Even a tank paying a revenue of rupees 299-15-0 is treated as a minor tank. If Government cannot undertake the restoration of all minor tanks, whatever revenue they yield, it is solicited that a reclassification be made and that all tanks yielding a revenue of 100 rupees and upwards may be treated as major tanks and their restoration including earthwork undertaken by Government.

(*b*) Work of Public Works Department agency.

Mr. D. Venkataramaiya, Bangalore City Municipality.

(*b*) The existing Public Works Department agency may be utilised for obtaining a definite survey of favourable localities for sinking wells for irrigation, minor projects of irrigation new and old and taking channels from large tanks where there are no ryots and to smaller tanks where there are ryots.

In order to give effect to these proposals, new works of large dimensions may be kept in abeyance for a period of three or four years and the whole energy and skill of